

## MRS. HESS MAKES STATEMENT ABOUT HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Lulu Hess, 6½ Howard Court, Gives Interesting Evidence

You hear the word Lax-a-Tone wherever you go; it is a by-word in Bridgeport, and only one-half of its virtues have been told. No one in Bridgeport need be in ignorance of its virtues, try asking ten people if they have taken Lax-a-Tone, and it is a fact that some of that ten will have taken it. Then ask them as to results. Mrs. Hess says:

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## SCHOOL BOARD WILL CONSIDER CONGESTION AT MEETING TONIGHT

At the meeting of the board of education to be held tonight plans will be discussed for the addition of ten rooms and an assembly hall to the Wayne street school, six rooms and an assembly hall to the Hall school in Clermont avenue; four rooms to the Bryant school, eight rooms to Prospect street; six rooms to Maplewood avenue school, and four rooms to Waterbury school.

Bids for the proposed addition to Hall school will be opened tonight. The board is also considering the purchase of sites for several new schools, one in particular to be located near St. Vincent's hospital.

## LOCOMOBILE SALESMEN IN CONVENTION HERE

Nearly 150 salesmen employed by the Locomobile Co. of America gathered here today for their annual convention. The purpose of the meeting was to talk over business and selling conditions. The convention was called to order at 9 o'clock by Andrew L. Riker, vice-president of the company. Addresses were made today by William B. Hurley of the Midvale Steel Co., J. M. Page, branch manager of the company; F. B. Alcorn of the engineering department; J. T. Roche, vice president of the company; J. A. Kingman, advertising manager; and H. C. Edge, factory manager. Luncheon was served at the factory this noon and this evening the salesmen will have dinner at the Black Rock Hotel club as the guest of Vice President Riker. Tomorrow Mr. Riker, D. G. Roos, research engineer for the company and E. Frank de Causse will describe the 1917 model Locomobile.

## BELGIAN BLOCKS FOR STREETS TAXED WITH VOLUME OF TRUCKING

Belgian block pavement set in cement similar to the pavement in Crescent avenue will be recommended for sections of Housatonic and Seaview avenues by the streets and sidewalks committee at the meeting of the common council this evening. This pavement will be laid under the direction of the paving and sewer commission if the common council approves the recommendation of the committee. The cost of this pavement will be paid in part from the proposed paving bonds and part will be assessed against the owners of property along the street. It is planned to lay Warrenton on Spruce, Lafayette, Atlantic, Knowlton, William, Gilbert and Gold streets, Eastwick avenue, North, Central, North Washington, Myrtle and Laurel avenues.

## LEHIGH VALLEY FREIGHT SERVICE ON GREAT LAKES

The Lehigh Valley's freight service on the Great Lakes was actively started today with the departure of boats of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Company from the ports of Buffalo, Chicago and Milwaukee.

During the past few months the company has been busy getting its fleet into commission for the opening of navigation after the breaking up of ice in the Great Lakes.

The boats are in splendid condition and according to announcement of the company's press office have been completed which will afford shippers the benefit of a fast rail and lake service.

The marine guard at the naval station at Iona Island Naval Station, N. Y., has been doubled. Enormous quantities of naval explosive stores are stored there.

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## FORTUNE LOST IN BREAKAGE OF BIG GLASS WINDOWS

Main Street Merchants Plan Concerted Action to Avert Further Loss.

Investigation begun by Main street merchants into the wholesale breaking of plate glass windows between State and Congress street is likely to result in new ordinances and a better cleaning of the streets if the individual action formulates itself into joint effort as now appears likely.

During the past year it is estimated that insurance and private plate glass loss in that area amounts to nearly \$50,000. Hardly a merchant along Main street has escaped and the loss has fallen particularly strong upon Meigs, Read's and Howland's, with repeated breaks in other large stores.

Private investigation by the various houses has shown that small stones lying in Main street prior to street cleaning effort and hurled violently by the action of automobile tires are responsible in a great measure. In some instances wind pressure has been responsible and in other instances loitering on the streets is held as a cause.

On Saturday last a whole double section of the newly installed windows of the Surplus store were crashed inward. Examination by the owners disclosed what appears to be insecure fastenings, a remedy for which may be applied by the building code. Efforts towards such a measure will be made by the insurance companies.

If the plan now on foot to bring the matter to the attention of the Business Men's association is carried out in the near future it is likely that Main street will be more thoroughly cleaned and that the building code will be revised to cover the construction of such windows.

## PADEREWSKI CONCERT HERE WILL GIVE AID TO POLISH SUFFERERS

It is through the efforts of the relief committee of Poland that Paderewski, the great pianist, will appear in this city in the Park theatre on the evening of May 2. This committee is made up of delegations from various churches and has for its officers as honorary president, Rev. A. Figlewski, the originator of the committee in this city; as president, Dr. B. L. Smykowski of Barnum avenue; as

vice-president, S. Moroz; and as treasurer, B. Michniewicz, the East Side photographer. The committee has been most successful in its endeavor to raise funds for the war sufferers of Poland and Dr. Smykowski personally appealed to the great artist, Paderewski, to give a recital in Bridgeport for the benefit of the stricken people of his country. Dr. Smykowski was successful in his appeal and Paderewski will give the last recital of the season in this city. Paderewski is a Pole and like all Poles he is intensely patriotic. The suffering of his country and his countrymen during the past year since Poland has been fought over time and again by the Russian and Teutonic armies has borne heavily on him. With Henry Sienkiewicz, he organized an international committee to take charge of Polish relief. Leaving Switzerland in January he went to Paris where he organized a committee and thence to London and then he came to this country where he worked all through the late spring and early summer.

There is a brisk demand for seats for the coming recital, indicating that Bridgeporters are going to take advantage of this opportunity to hear the world's most eminent pianist in their own city.

## Post Office Rushed With Easter Packages

During Easter week and particularly last Saturday, the post office took on the general characteristics of a Christmas rush. Though no additional hands were required to deliver the parcel post matter the department on Cannon street was heaped high with packages going and coming. These contained the usual Easter eggs, candy and other tokens of the day.

It is said that an unusual amount of matter was received in this city, probably from the friends of workers here whose families live in other cities. From the outgoing volume it is believed that merchants fared almost as well here as during the Christmas season.

Many parcels were broken in transit because of insecure wrapping. Candy and other sweetmeats were most numerous.

J. Irwin of Sienstein, China, found in a cave the bones of a dragon 60 feet long.

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## MEXICAN BANDITS RESUME RAIDING AT MANY POINTS

Hear That U. S. Troops Are Defeated, And Take Up Outlawry.

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY TO REMAIN IN MEXICO

Comparatively Inactive Campaign is Plan For Short Time Now.

El Paso, April 24—Anxiety was expressed in military circles here today over reports from the interior of renewed activity on the part of numerous small bands of bandits who are roving about Northern Chihuahua.

In the mysterious manner in which news is transmitted in Mexico in regions where there are neither railroads, telegraph or telephone, the reports have heard that the American troops are to be withdrawn from Mexico. The halting of the operations of the expeditionary force has confirmed their belief in the truth of the story which they have interpreted as a crushing defeat of the "gringos."

As far as is known here, none of these bands number more than 15 or 20 men and the majority of them are much smaller. Their importance, as seen by army officers, is that their depredations will drive the masses of people already almost destitute, to depredation and that a serious outbreak will occur which will involve the American soldiers.

El Paso is waiting eagerly today for some enlightenment from Washington as to the plans of the army department. So far as the border is concerned, the news that the troops are not to be withdrawn from Mexico, at least for the present, was most welcome, but there was considerable speculation as to what yesterday's announcement from Washington really meant. An American who is considered one of the best authorities in El Paso on Mexico and the Mexicans, expressed the opinion today that the campaign of comparative inaction might prove effective in the long run.

"If the main body of the troops can be utilized for the support of mobile detachments held merely for the purpose of running down rumors, Villa will be caught ultimately," he said.

"For the time being the bandit seems to have disappeared. Sooner or later, though, he will come to light again. The troops may have to run down a thousand false rumors of his whereabouts but in the end they will get the bandit."

"Someone of his followers will sell him for a ten dollar note, just as readily for that sum as for ten thousand dollars."

One question troubling the military has been the rehabilitating of these troops whose clothing has been worn to shreds in their dash for Villa. Carloads of clothing have just been sent south via Columbus, however, and these have been flanked by a shipment of five thousand pairs of shoes, ten thousand pairs of hose, four thousand over shirts and two thousand gloves, sent to Columbus to be forwarded as needed. It will be only a short time until all the men in need of new clothing will be entirely re-outfitted.

## TROOPS ARE REARRANGED.

Washington, April 24—Administration officials today looked to General Funston to carry out plans for repositioning of the American troops in Mexico. The plans approved by

President Wilson and Secretary Baker were the outgrowth of conferences between General Funston and General Scott, chief of staff of the army who went to San Antonio as Secretary Baker's personal representative.

The plans were interpreted generally to mean that the United States is prepared to maintain a military status quo beyond the international line until the Carranza government has demonstrated its ability to exterminate Villa and his outlaws.

Meanwhile, it is understood the American forces will be so placed as to safeguard the American border towns by virtually doing police duty in the territory immediately south of the border where Carranza has been unable to prevent brigandage. The troops would form a wall against which the soldiers of the de facto government could drive the bandits from the south.

Redisposition gives the state department the opportunity to make counter proposals to Carranza who has asked for a withdrawal of the American soldiers. The department can now urge Carranza to show greater cooperation as a means to secure the early withdrawal. Under the plan the men and horses of the advanced columns will be given a much needed rest.

General Scott is expected to return to Washington in a few days.

## TURNBESIRK ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS UPON SUBMARINE POLICY

New Haven, April 24—At the annual convention of the Connecticut Turnbessirk, a German organization, which is a branch of the North American Gymnastic Union, held here yesterday, the following resolution was adopted:

"That whatever certain rights of an American citizen might technically mean, it is his moral duty to forego, temporarily, their exercise if thereby, the greater good for the greater number can be served."

"That we hold the present relations of the United States to be such as to call for the performance of the moral duty rather than the assertion of technical rights."

"That we make acquainted the representatives of Connecticut in both houses of Congress with these, our views and request that they support them when called upon to decide the momentous question that may, in the future, come before them."

## Redding Tax Value Appellants' Papers Reach Local Court

Three residents of Redding filed appeals in the superior court today from tax assessments as fixed by the Redding Board of Relief. Former State Senator Lester O. Peck claims the valuation of \$4,846 on his property is unfair and unjust. Walter Lutjens claims he filed his list as \$46,000. The assessors raised it to \$49,750 and when before the board of relief the amount was increased to \$55,750. He declares this is excessive. Laura E. Peck says the valuation of \$25,250 placed on her property is unjust.

## REV. E. A. THOMPSON RESIGNS PASTORATE

Rev. E. A. Thompson, pastor of the West End Congregational church, announced his resignation yesterday and said he had accepted a call from the First Congregational church of Denver, Colo. The resignation was a surprise as Mr. Thompson refused a call recently to a church in Michigan.

The Greeley church has a larger number of members than the West End church and Mr. Thompson believes he will have a broader field in which to work.

## NAVY PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY, DANIELS AVERS

Secretary Tells of Progress Made In Plans For Preparedness.

Philadelphia, April 24.—The Public Ledger today prints an account of an interview which Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels recently gave to a representative of that newspaper.

"There are now in active service, fully commissioned," Mr. Daniels is quoted as saying when asked the present strength of the navy, "25 vessels of various classes. This is 66 more than were fully commissioned when I became secretary, in March, 1913. There are also 35 vessels of various types in reserve and in overhauling, uncommissioned, capable of rendering service in war."

"No navy ever makes announcements of the quantity of ammunition and torpedoes, mines, and other implements of naval warfare which it keeps ready, but our supply is ample, I may say, for all emergencies. The torpedo plant shortly will have five times its present capacity, thanks to the generosity and wisdom of the Sixty-third Congress, which appropriated the money for its enlargement. We have also arranged for the equipment of a plant to construct mines."

"Today there are assigned to the submarine flotilla with the Atlantic fleet, a rear admiral, a commander, a lieutenant commander, 15 lieutenants, 35 junior grade lieutenants, and three ensigns. Ten additional officers are with the flotilla under instructions. The reorganization of the submarine flotilla has involved the training of men, as well as officers, preparatory to their being assigned to submarine duty. Only recently 40 officers and 85 men concluded a course of instruction in battery work at the plant of the Electric Storage Battery company and that of Thomas A. Edison. This preliminary training of crews will result in higher effectiveness and improve the operations of the new overseas craft as they are delivered to our men."

**Recruited to Maximum Strength.**

"The navy at present is composed of 4,335 line, staff, and warrant officers and 54,151 enlisted men. About 2,000 candidates for the Naval Academy, the largest number ever examined for any one class, appeared for examination to enter the 1916 class, which assemblies in June. The number of enlisted men is today recruited to the maximum strength allowed by law. There are now with the colors 6,804 more men—an increase of over 14 per cent—than there were on March 1, 1914. During the nine months preceding my appointment the number of men in the navy had actually decreased, although Congress had during that period authorized an increase of 4,000 men."

"We are today re-enlisting 85 per cent of the men who have received discharges permitting their re-enlistment. This is all I have to say to those who criticize my policy toward the enlisted man."

"Our present air fleet is not more than two years old. Upon my recommendation Congress gave us \$1,000,000 to begin upon an elaborate plan the real development of aviation in the navy. At that time the navy had but four aviators and no satisfactory machine. A special training school for aviators has been established at Pensacola, Fla., and we have about 40 machines now in operation down there. The armored cruiser North Carolina has been equipped successfully as a mother ship for aeroplanes and participated in the recent exer-

cises at Guantanamo. The same sort of equipment is being extended to the armored cruisers Washington and West Virginia.

## Big Guns and Straight Shooters.

"I have said before that our Bureau of Ordnance has developed a 14-inch gun that will shoot farther, shoot straighter and hit harder than any gun now in use or known to be designed by a foreign country. As for powder, it is costing us 24 cents a pound to make the same powder as Indian Head private manufacturers ask 53 cents for."

"Radio has been installed on submarines and nearly one hundred other ships, and new shore stations have been added at Balboa, Canal Zone, Great Lakes, Illinois, and Tutuila, Samoa."

"How about the efficiency of the navy in marksmanship," Mr. Daniels was asked.

"Never better," was the reply. "Admiral Mayo was in my office a few days ago, and he said the fleet had had a most satisfactory practice at Guantanamo. He said the ships had done some of the farthest shooting—18,000 yards—best manoeuvres, and best practices the fleet had ever had, that they had done so many things that were worth while that he was quite satisfied with the spirit and confidence of the officers and men; that they were ready if they were called upon."

"I think that answers your question as to whether the men of the American navy are prepared for war."

## Y. M. C. A. Gym Season To Close This Month

This month completes the winter's program for gymnasium activities. The gymnasium will, however, be open a full time for those who want to take a little exercise and who do not have the advantage of enjoying outdoor sports such as tennis, golf, baseball, swimming and other such outdoor activities. The apparatus, handball, basketball and volleyball will be at the disposal of those who wish to engage in that sort of exercise at any time during the day, and there will be no classes to interrupt.

The winter's program will close with an exhibition on Tuesday evening, May 2nd. It will be a demonstration of all the activities as near as possible that are pursued in the program of physical education for both the old and young. Such a program consists of elementary work such as light calisthenics and dancing steps leading up to advanced gymnastics and tumbling, boxing and wrestling. It has been the thought of many who do not swim that one is liable to catch cold upon going out into the air after engaging in such an exercise indoors, and for that reason a number have put off learning to swim until warm weather approaches. These people, however, will have a chance to learn this fine art all through the summer months as special emphasis will be placed in that direction.

## OBITUARY

### ALFRED L. BIERCE.

The obsequies of Alfred L. Bierce, who died Saturday at the family residence, 1265 West Broad street, Stratford, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Arthur Shirley of Stratford was the officiating clergyman. Many relatives and friends were in attendance. The pallbearers were James Vans, C. W. Orlemann, Norman Stanley and George Bateman. Burial was in the family plot, Putney cemetery. Mr. Bierce was 29 years of age and was widely known in Stratford. He formerly conducted a grocery store at the Center. He is survived by a widow and four children.

The American Red Cross has begun a campaign for 1,000,000 members.

## Well Known Residents Will Play in Minor Roles of Amateur Play

The cast for the Charity Organization society "Hobby Horse" at the Lyric theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, includes many prominent people playing the minor parts. John M. French, publicity manager of the Remington Arms Co., has become very well known through this vicinity as a lecturer and reader of Robert Service and Dr. Drummond's Canadian poems. Mr. French has written several successful plays and sketches which have been presented on Broadway.

Donald Page, who will play Tom Clarke, graduated from Dartmouth college last year where he played in the college theatricals four successive years. "The Mistletoe Lady" was given at the Fulton theatre in New York at a matinee when a professional company was playing in the evening. The success of the student players is still remembered. "Under Cover," "White Feather" and Conan Doyle's "Speckled Band" were Dartmouth college plays in which Mr. Page played interesting parts. He is a member of the University club and is connected with the Burns & Bassick Co.

H. B. Van Gleason, F. Neil Benham and Walter Harrington will play the jockeys for whom a country home is being made, and Philip Leigh, one of the great favorites with the Lyric Stock company, will be "Spencer Jermy," while Mrs. Archibald Mayse will be "Mrs. Jermy." L. M. Lawson as "Rev. Noel Brice," will try to make the Jermy's charities effective, and Mrs. A. H. Terry as "Miss Moxom" and T. A. Willmore as "Pinching," the solicitor, will assist. "Mrs. Porcher" will be played by Mrs. Walter Loewy, a member of the C. O. S. woman's advisory board and executive board of the Visiting Nurse association. Miss Julia Farnam will play the ingenue, "Miss Bertha," and Albert Lang, the coach, will be "Statuck," chief spokesman of the racers. "The Hobby Horse" is now in the pink of condition and will ride as smoothly as any spirited comedy given this year. The race will be a delight and the comedy a source of never-ending amusement.

## GILBERT FARM SCHOOL OPENS FOR SEASON

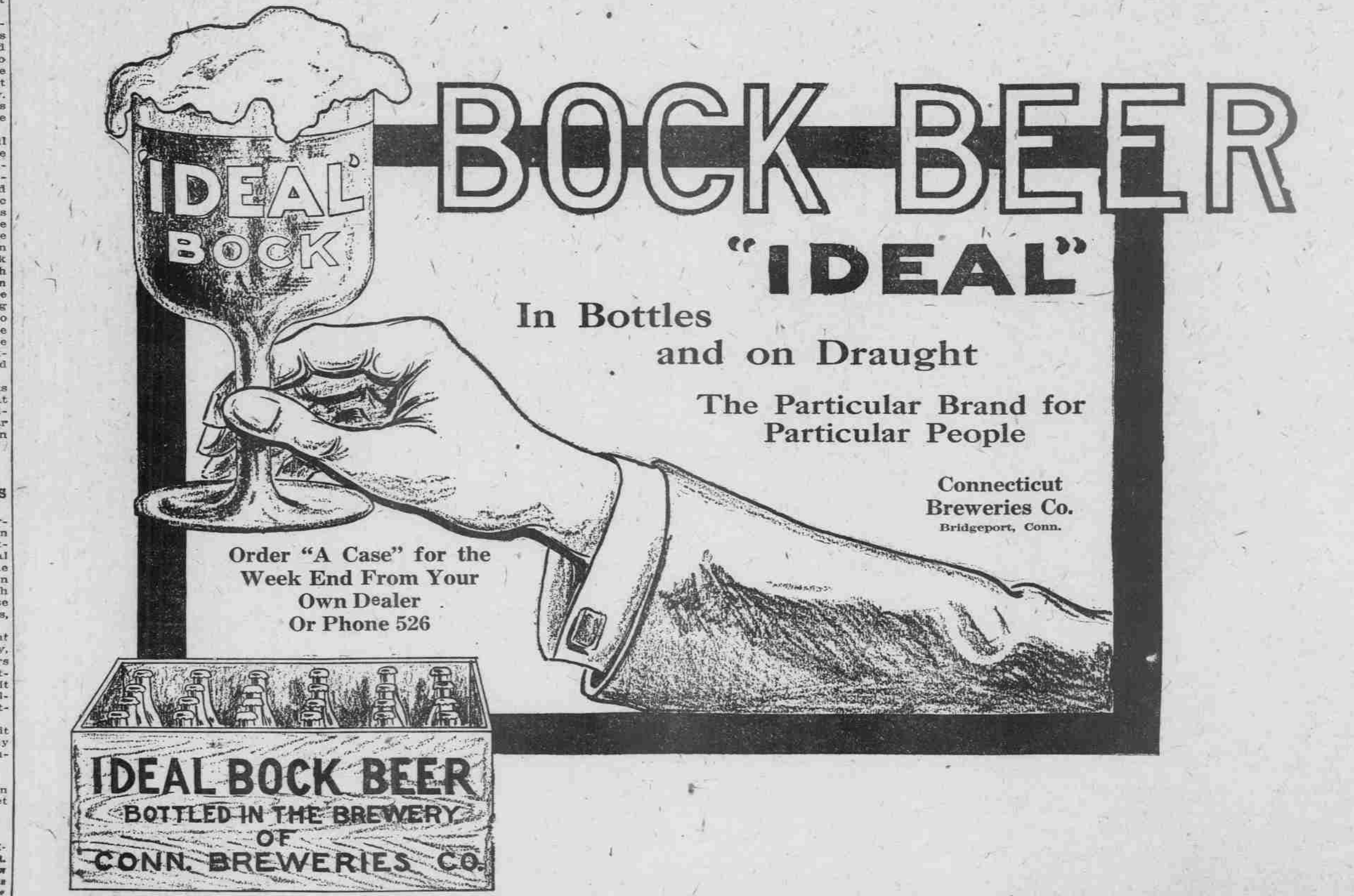
The trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College announce the opening of the Gilbert School of Practical Agriculture. Applicants must be 16 years of age and residents of Connecticut.

The plan of the school is unlike that of other institutions. No lectures will be given and few, if any, textbooks will be used. The farm, the dairy, the poultry plant and the garden will take the place of class rooms and laboratories. Students will be given practical instruction in carrying on the operations of the farm in all its departments in the latest scientific and most approved manner.

Gilbert Farm School is located at Georgetown. The farm, consisting of 250 acres, was the gift of the late Edwin Gilbert, a wealthy manufacturer who became interested in the promotion of agriculture and especially in the development of livestock and the production of beef animals in New England.

No more than 10 or 12 students will be received at the present time. The number which can be taught successfully in a school of this character is limited and the number, therefore, will not exceed 30 pupils.

George Eaton, Jr., for six years instructor at the Farm School at Doylestown, Pa., has been selected as principal. All communications regarding the school as to admission, requirements, instruction and expenses should be addressed to the Gilbert Farm School, Georgetown.



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